BEFORE THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of) NOTICE OF AMENDMEN
ARM 24.225.301 definitions and) AND ADOPTION
ARM 24.225.507 out-of-state licensure)
endorsement and the adoption of)
NEW RULE I occasional case exemption)
and NEW RULE II fee abatement)

To: All Concerned Persons:

- 1. On January 12, 2006, the Board of Veterinary Medicine published MAR Notice No. 24-225-32 regarding the public hearing on the proposed amendment and adoption of the above-stated rules, at page 64 of the 2006 Montana Administrative Register, issue no. 1.
- 2. A public hearing on the proposed amendment and adoption was held on February 8, 2006. One member of the public spoke at the public hearing. In addition, written comments were received prior to the closing of the comment period on February 10, 2006.
- 3. The Board of Veterinary Medicine (board) has thoroughly considered all of the comments made. A summary of the comments received and the board's response are as follows:

<u>Comment</u>: One individual testified orally. Written testimony was received from two individuals who did not testify. All testimony and comments were in favor of amendment of ARM 24.225.507 and adoption of the proposed new rules with particular thanks to the board for amending ARM 24.225.507 to reduce the number of years of practice required prior to licensure by endorsement.

Response: The board thanks the commentors for their comments.

4. After consideration of the comments, the board amends ARM 24.225.301, ARM 24.225.507, adopts NEW RULE I (ARM 24.225.502) and NEW RULE II (ARM 24.225.403) exactly as proposed.

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE JACK NEWMAN, DVM, PRESIDENT

/s/ MARK CADWALLADER
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Alternate Rule Reviewer

/s/ KEITH KELLY
Keith Kelly, Commissioner
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Certified to the Secretary of State March 13, 2006